

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for providing access to a service, comprising:

5 providing at least a subset of a directory of a plurality of services to a portal communicating with a user system, the plurality of services associated with a plurality of third party vendors, a service of the plurality of services comprising use of a software application;

10 receiving a selection of one or more selected services of the plurality of services from the user system, the one or more selected services associated with one or more conditions governing access to the one or more selected services;

15 receiving a user identifier;

linking the one or more selected services with the user identifier; and

20 allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein providing at least the subset of the directory of the plurality of services to the portal communicating with the user system further comprises:

receiving a search value of a search variable from the user system;

identifying the subset of the directory according to the search value; and

30 providing at least the subset of the directory.

3. The method of Claim 1, wherein providing at least the subset of the directory of the plurality of services to the portal communicating with the user system further comprises:

5 providing a list of a plurality of categories of the plurality of services;

receiving a selected category of the plurality of categories from the user system, the selected category comprising the subset of the directory; and

10 providing at least the subset of the directory.

4. The method of Claim 1, wherein allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions further comprises:

15 verifying a passcode corresponding to the user identifier; and

providing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services in response to verifying the passcode, the one or more selected services comprising at least one service furnished by at least one third party vendor.

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5. The method of Claim 1, wherein allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions further comprises:

5 determining usage of access to the one or more selected services;

 calculating compensation for the usage according to the one or more conditions; and

10 providing the compensation to at least one third party vendor furnishing the one or more selected services.

6. The method of Claim 1, wherein allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions further comprises allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services through the portal.

7. A system for providing access to a service,
comprising:

a database operable to store a directory of a
plurality of services; and

5 a service engine coupled to the database and
operable to:

provide at least a subset of the directory of
the plurality of services to a portal communicating with
a user system, the plurality of services associated with
10 a plurality of third party vendors, a service of the
plurality of services comprising use of a software
application;

receive a selection of one or more selected
services of the plurality of services from the user
15 system, the one or more selected services associated with
one or more conditions governing access to the one or
more selected services;

receive a user identifier;

20 link the one or more selected services with the
user identifier; and

allow the user identifier access to the one or
more selected services according to the one or more
conditions.

8. The system of Claim 7, the service engine operable to provide at least the subset of the directory of the plurality of services to the portal communicating with the user system by:

5 receiving a search value of a search variable from the user system;

identifying the subset of the directory according to the search value; and

providing at least the subset of the directory.

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9. The system of Claim 7, the service engine operable to provide at least the subset of the directory of the plurality of services to the portal communicating with the user system by:

15 providing a list of a plurality of categories of the plurality of services;

receiving a selected category of the plurality of categories from the user system, the selected category comprising the subset of the directory; and

20 providing at least the subset of the directory.

10. The system of Claim 7, the service engine operable to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by:

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verifying a passcode corresponding to the user identifier; and

providing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services in response to verifying the passcode, the one or more selected services comprising at least one service furnished by at least one third party vendor.

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11. The system of Claim 7, the service engine operable to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by:

determining usage of access to the one or more selected services;

calculating compensation for the usage according to the one or more conditions; and

providing the compensation to at least one third party vendor furnishing the one or more selected services.

12. The system of Claim 7, the service engine operable to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services through the portal.

13. Software for providing access to a service, the software embodied in a medium and when executed operable to:

5 provide at least a subset of a directory of a plurality of services to a portal communicating with a user system, the plurality of services associated with a plurality of third party vendors, a service of the plurality of services comprising use of a software application;

10 receive a selection of one or more selected services of the plurality of services from the user system, the one or more selected services associated with one or more conditions governing access to the one or more selected services;

15 receive a user identifier;

link the one or more selected services with the user identifier; and

20 allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions.

25 14. The software of Claim 13, operable to provide at least the subset of the directory of the plurality of services to the portal communicating with the user system by:

receiving a search value of a search variable from the user system;

identifying the subset of the directory according to the search value; and

30 providing at least the subset of the directory.

15. The software of Claim 13, operable to provide at least the subset of the directory of the plurality of services to the portal communicating with the user system by:

5 providing a list of a plurality of categories of the plurality of services;

 receiving a selected category of the plurality of categories from the user system, the selected category comprising the subset of the directory; and

10 providing at least the subset of the directory.

16. The software of Claim 13, operable to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by:

15 verifying a passcode corresponding to the user identifier; and

 providing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services in response to verifying the passcode, the one or more selected services comprising at least one service furnished by at least one third party vendor.

17. The software of Claim 13, operable to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by:

25 determining usage of access to the one or more selected services;

 calculating compensation for the usage according to the one or more conditions; and

30 providing the compensation to at least one third party vendor furnishing the one or more selected services.

18. The software of Claim 13, operable to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by
5 allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services through the portal.

19. A system for providing access to a service, comprising:

means for providing at least a subset of a directory of a plurality of services to a portal communicating with a user system, the plurality of services associated with
5 a plurality of third party vendors, a service of the plurality of services comprising use of a software application;

means for receiving a selection of one or more
10 selected services of the plurality of services from the user system, the one or more selected services associated with one or more conditions governing access to the one or more selected services;

means for receiving a user identifier;

15 means for linking the one or more selected services with the user identifier; and

means for allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions.

20. A method for providing access to a service,
comprising:

providing at least a subset of a directory of a
plurality of services to a portal communicating with a
user system, the plurality of services associated with a
5 plurality of third party vendors, a service of the
plurality of services comprising use of a software
application, the subset of a directory provided by;

providing a list of a plurality of categories
10 of the plurality of services;

receiving a selected category of the plurality
of categories from the user system;

receiving a search value of a search variable
from the user system;

15 identifying the subset of the directory
according to the search value and to the selected
category; and

providing at least the subset of the directory;

receiving a selection of one or more selected
20 services of the plurality of services from the user
system, the one or more selected services associated with
one or more conditions governing access to the one or
more selected services;

receiving a user identifier;

25 linking the one or more selected services with the
user identifier; and

allowing the user identifier access to the one or
more selected services through the portal according to
the one or more conditions, the access allowed by:

30 verifying a passcode corresponding to the user
identifier;

providing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services in response to verifying the passcode, the one or more selected services comprising at least one service furnished by at least one third party vendor;

determining usage of access to the one or more selected services;

calculating compensation for the usage according to the one or more conditions; and

providing the compensation to at least one third party vendor furnishing the one or more selected services.